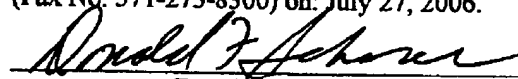


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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet(s) and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.